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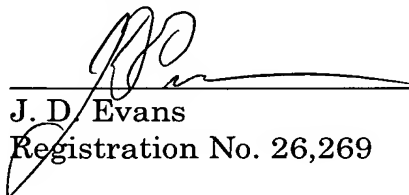
The foregoing Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 8, 2004 in order to insert into the specification a cross-reference to the co-pending parent application, Serial No. 09/907,440, filed July 18, 2001.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #029300.49991D1).

Respectfully submitted,

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